

Application Serial No. 10/656,305
Amendment dated April 19, 2006
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-20, 23, 25, and 27-46 are pending. Claims 2, 5, 21, 22, and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-20, 23, and 31-46 have been allowed.

The Examiner rejected Claims 24 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,275,145 to Tuckey, and rejected Claims 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Tuckey '145. The Examiner objected to Claim 25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that same would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive thereto, Applicants have written Claim 25 in independent form to include all the limitations of Claim 24, which has been cancelled. Additionally, Applicants have amended Claims 27 and 30 to depend upon new independent Claim 25.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefore and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 424-8000.

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